

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 12, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 18-25 are pending. Claims 12-16 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 4 and 11 have been amended herein to attend to formal matters. Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 20-24 are in independent form.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 1-11 and 18-25 have been allowed. The changes made herein to the allowed claims are not believed to affect their patentability. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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